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Budget: During 1971-72, a sum of Rs. 2,42,500 was spent out of a budget provision of Rs. 2,50,500 on the non-plan side, and a sum of Rs. 1,76,200 was provided on the plan-side for the construction of an archives building. This amount was, however not spent. For 1972-73, a provision of Rs. 2,60,900 has been made on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs. 1,75,000 on the plan side. The latter is for the construction of the archives building.

Building: The scheme for the construction of a modern archives building at Trivandrum could not be implemented during 1971-72 due to the fact that the plan of the building could not be finalised. However, one acre of land has been allotted in the Nalanda Compound for constructing the building. The plan of the building was awaiting Government approval.

Accession of Records: 5 files of the Forest Department (Divisional Forest Officer, Palghat) (1953-58), and 13 files of the Public Relations Department (District Information Office, Kozhikode) (1965-68) were acquired. Among the Private Papers, a few documents belonging to the abdicated Maharaja of Cochin (1896-1914) were obtained from Mrs. I.N.Menon, of Tripunithurai.

Arrangement of Records: The following series of records were arranged: F. Disposals of the Malabar Collector (1925-1952), 65,000 files (approximately); R. Disposals of the Malabar Collector (1880-1956) - 35,000 files (approximately).

Appraisal of Records: 3,627 D. Dis files (1946-56) and 20,077 L. Dis files (1946-56) of the Civil Supplies Department, Malabar District, were examined. According to the State Manual, D. Dis files are to be destroyed after 10 years, while L. Dis files are destroyed after one year.

Research and Reference: During the year, 9 scholars were provided facilities for research. 20 queries on records were attended to from Government agencies and 53 applications for the issue of attested copies of records were received during the period from private persons and copies of the available items were issued to them as per rules.

Reference Media: 200 Churana Rolls consisting of 1,43,694 Cadjan records of the Travancore High Court, 32,422 F. Dis files of the District Collector, Malabar (1925-52), 3,627 D. Dis files of the Civil Supplies Department, Malabar District (1950-56), and 20,077 L. Dis files of the Civil Supplies Department, Malabar District (1946-56) were listed. Besides the above, 68,110 Cadjan records of Travancore High Court and collection of letters contained correspondence between Arackal Beevi and Malabar Collector, were indexed.

Publications: The reprinting of the 'Cochin State Grandhavari could not be done due to pressure of work in the Government Press.

Preservation: 1,988 documents were repaired with chiffon. 25 files were guarded and 132 volumes were bound.

Library: 89 books were acquired.

Other Important Activities: The State Archives Department participated in the Exhibition of Historical Records organised for the 41st Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission at Trivandrum in October 1971 and the All-India Science and Industrial Exhibition held at Thiruvalla in November, 1971. The Department also participated in "Our India Exhibition" sponsored by the National Council of Educational Research and Training, Government of India, from 27th to 29th March, 1972 held at Karamana Government High School.